

HOUSE RESOLUTION 232

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A RESOLUTION to commend Vera Whaley Scarbrough for her distinguished service as a member of the Morgan County Election Commission.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable community leaders who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Vera Whaley Scarbrough of Oakdale is one such estimable person who has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, one of the longest serving election commissioners in Tennessee history, Vera Scarbrough rendered forty-five years of distinguished service as a member of the Morgan County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Morgan County, Vera Whaley Scarbrough is the daughter of Carlos and Bessie Freels Whaley and attended Oakdale High School before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education at Tennessee Technological University and a Master of Arts in English at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary educator for more than forty years, Mrs. Scarbrough taught at both the elementary and high school levels, most recently teaching high school English, journalism, drama, and speech before her retirement in 2006. She has served as an adjunct professor at Roane State Community College since 1987 and continues to serve as an interim classroom teacher during her retirement; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades during her career, Vera Scarbrough was honored as a Distinguished Classroom Teacher eight times, received Teacher of the Year recognition at the local, county, and district level five times, and was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Mrs. Scarbrough is a member of the board of directors of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, the East Tennessee Retired Teachers Association, the Morgan County Retired Teachers Association, the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma; and

WHEREAS, Vera Scarbrough is a longtime member of Piney Baptist Church, where she has served as a Sunday School teacher, organist, Mission Friends teacher, and prayer group leader; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Scarbrough is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband of forty-seven years, Paul Scarbrough; their two children, Dr. Todd Scarbrough and Meredith Bell; and their four grandchildren, Haley, Scout, Riley, and Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Vera Scarbrough is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Vera Whaley Scarbrough for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a member of the Morgan County Election Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.